

### *Team Will Assist Local Governments and Constituents with the Recovery Act*

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján established his Economic Recovery team to manage local implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and assist local governments and constituents in the public and private sector with the Recovery Act. Rep. Luján named three key staff members to the team. Chris Neubauer, Rep. Luján's Deputy District Director, will lead the team as the Economic Recovery Coordinator. Patrick Duran and Tracy West will join the team as Economic Recovery Liaisons. The team will be the first point of contact for public and private officials and constituents interested in learning about the benefits of the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"As the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is implemented, my Economic Recovery team will work with public and private officials and constituents to answer questions and help local governments and businesses benefit from the Recovery Act," said Rep. Luján. "This team has significant experience working with local governments and constituents in the public and private sector. They will be able to assist constituents, businesses, and local governments as the Recovery Act is implemented and begins to create and save jobs in the 3rd Congressional District."

The Economic Recovery team will be based out the Rep. Luján's Rio Rancho office. Chris Neubauer, Rep. Luján's Deputy District Director, formerly worked for Congressman Tom Udall, assisting constituents with federal agencies. Tracy West is a Constituent Liaison who formerly worked for the University of New Mexico. Patrick Duran is a Field Representative and District Liaison for Economic Development, who worked for Arizona State University for 14 years where he developed and managed various programs, including a unique and highly successful entrepreneurial program recognized by the Wall Street Journal.